

REMARKS

Claims 15-33 were pending in the application. Claims 15-25 and 27-31 stand rejected. Claims 26, 32 and 33 stand objected to. Claims 15-16, 25, and 29-30 were cancelled. Claims 17, 20-24, 26-27, and 31-32 were amended. Claims 17-24, 26-28, and 31-33 remain in the application.

The disclosure was amended to correct the objected to incorrect reference number.

Claim 24 was amended to correct the informality objected to.

Claims 20-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and have been amended to replace "one of" with terminology from the respective independent claims.

Claims 26, 32, and 33 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 26 and 32 were so rewritten. Claim 33 depends from Claim 32.

Claims 15, 16, 21-25, 29, and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Urban et al. Claims 17-20 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Urban et al. in view of Kim et al. Claims 27 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Urban et al. in view of Kim et al.

Claims 15-16, 25, and 29-30 were cancelled. Claims 17-20 and 31 were amended to depend from Claim 32 and are allowable on that basis.

Claim 27 was amended to state:

27. A derelict product cracker comprising:
a ram movable rapidly from a far position to a near position, said ram defining a ram axis;
a nest closely adjoining said ram when said ram is in said near position, said nest having first and second supports defining first and second intersecting planes, respectively, said planes meeting at said ram axis, said planes each being inclined relative to said ram axis;
a bumper laterally adjoining said supports; and
a clamp jaw disposed opposite said bumper, said clamp jaw being movable toward and away from said bumper in synchrony with said ram; and

a sweep operatively disposed to clear said nest, said sweep
and said ram being synchronized.

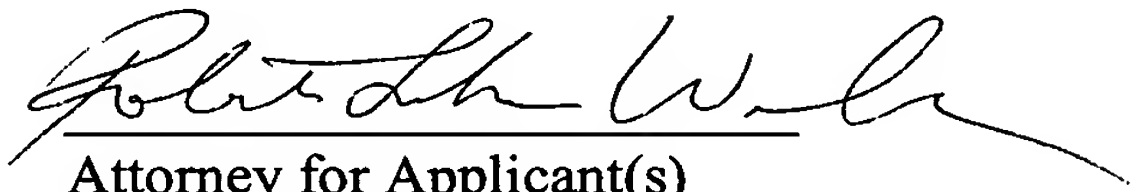
Claim 27 requires a bumper laterally adjoining the supports and a clamp jaw disposed opposite the bumper, the clamp jaw being movable toward and away from the bumper in synchrony with the ram. Claim 27 is supported by application as filed, notably, original Claims 26-27. Claim 27 is allowable on the same basis as Claim 26.

Claims 21-24 and 28 are allowable as depending from Claim 27.

It is believed that these changes now make the claims clear and definite and, if there are any problems with these changes, Applicants' attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed none of the references, taken singly or in combination, disclose the claimed invention. Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

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